(b) strengthening the staff of each dispensary with a compounder also;

(c) increasing the allowance of the grant-in-aid practitioners to at least the pay of the Government Sub-Assistant Surgeons' grade;

(d) providing separate house rent for them;

(e) starting a Provident Fund Scheme for them; and

(f) according first preference to grant-in-aid practitioners in the matter of recruitments to Government service in the grades to which they are qualified?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Will be considered.

(b) The finances of the State will not permit of the grant of a compounder to each of the rural dispensaries.

(c) No. It will not be possible.

(d) It will not be possible to provide house rent.

(e) Will be considered.

(f) They will not be disqualified from taking their chance in the selection, but no preference can be guaranteed.

Mr. P. J. Alexander.—With regard to sub-division (b) what would be the approximate amount required under the head for entertaining paid compounders?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are 18 dispensaries and the cost will be Rs. 25 per head. On the whole it will come to Rs. 5400, on compounders alone.

Grant-in-aid dispensaries—want of compounders.

290. Mr. P. J. Alexander.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

are the Government aware officially or un-officially of the handicaps which the patients as well as doctors in charge of grant-in-aid dispensaries are put to owing to want of provision for a compounder in each dispensary?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Some of the medical practitioners of grant-in-aid dispensaries have represented the necessity of entertaining a compounder to their dispensary.

Mr. P. J. Alexander.—May I know why the Government have not decided to pay heed to those reports.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not possible, Sir.

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